Dept. of Transportation Announces Funding on Recovery Act's One Year Mark

(Washington, DC)— Today U.S. Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-Milwaukee) lauded Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood's announcement that Milwaukee will receive \$21.5 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for two critical bridge projects.

Specifically, funding will be used to replace the Juneau Avenue lift bridge and rehabilitate the Wisconsin Avenue lift bridge. President Obama signed the Recovery Act into law one year ago today.

Congresswoman Moore said, "Our city relies on these bridges that are critical to our economy and our transportation system. Funding these necessary improvements will create good construction jobs and ensure that these bridges can help businesses move goods and link workers to their jobs for years to come."

The awards announced today fund 50 projects throughout the country. According to the Department of Transportation, awardees were chosen based on contribution to economic competitiveness, increasing quality of life, improving safety and existing transportation systems. The 50 projects – including the Milwaukee award – were chosen from more than 1,400 applicants nationwide. The fill list of awards can be seen here.

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